

**Patents for Humanity Act:** Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 5796, to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish a competition to award certificates that can be redeemed to accelerate certain matters at the Patent and Trademark Office, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 396 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 511. **Pages H8779–80**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eleven yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8762, H8771–72, H8772–73, H8774–75, H8775, H8776, H8776–77, H8777–78, H8778, H8779, and H8779–80.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A REVIEW OF PROGRESS MADE AND A PLAN TO ACHIEVE FULL ECONOMIC INCLUSION FOR EVERY AMERICAN

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Unfinished Business: A Review of Progress Made and a Plan to Achieve Full Economic Inclusion for Every American”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Garcia-Dias, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### CONFRONTING YEMEN'S HUMANITARIAN AND POLITICAL CRISES WITHOUT A CEASEFIRE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “Confronting Yemen's Humanitarian and Political Crises Without a Ceasefire”. Testimony was heard from Timothy A. Lenderking, Special Envoy for Yemen, Department of State; and Sarah Charles, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee began a markup on H. Res. 1456, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the conclusion of the Department of State on whether Marc Fogel is wrongfully detained; H. Res. 1482, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to Congressionally appropriated funds to the nation of Ukraine from January 20, 2021 to

November 15, 2022; H.R. 9374, the “Countering Malign Russian Activities Globally Act”; H.R. 9243, the “Providing Appropriate Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations with ASEAN Act”; H.R. 8654, the “End Tuberculosis Now Act”; and H. Con. Res. 110, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime's human rights abuses.

### LESSONS FROM THE FIELD: OVERCROWDING IN NATIONAL PARKS

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Lessons from the Field: Overcrowding in National Parks”. Testimony was heard from Jeff Bradybaugh, Superintendent, Zion National Park, U.S. National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 1479, of inquiry requesting the President transmit certain documents in his possession to the House of Representatives relating to the surveillance or monitoring of prog-gun, pro-life, or conservative groups under the Internet Covert Operations Program operated by the United States Postal Inspection Service; H.R. 8622, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 3rd Street in King City, California, as the “Chief Rudy Banuelos Post Office”; H.R. 9074, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 333 North Sunrise Way in Palm Springs, California, as the “Chairman Richard Milanovich Post Office”; H.R. 9251, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6444 San Fernando Road in Glendale, California, as the “Paul Ignatius Post Office”; H.R. 9335, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Franklin Street in Appleton, Wisconsin, as the “Mitchell F. Lundgaard Post Office Building”; and H.R. 5468, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9317 Bolsa Avenue, in Westminster, California, as the “General Tran Hung Dao Post Office”. H. Res. 1479 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 8622, H.R. 9074, H.R. 9251, H.R. 9335, and H.R. 5468 were ordered reported, without amendment.

### BUILDING A SAFER ANTARCTIC RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Building a Safer Antarctic Research Environment”. Testimony was

heard from Karen Marrongelle, Chief Operating Officer, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

#### **BUILDING SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES THROUGH EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP AT SBA**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Building Sustainable Businesses through Employee Ownership at SBA”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING REFORM: EXAMINING THE FUTURE OF THE VA GRANT AND PER DIEM PROGRAM**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Transitional Housing Reform: Examining the Future of the VA Grant and Per Diem Program”. Testimony was heard from Monica Diaz, Executive Director, Homeless Programs Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS: KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE NEED FOR CONTINUED ACTION**

*Select Committee on the Climate Crisis:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Solving the Climate Crisis: Key Accomplishments, Additional Opportunities, and the Need for Continued Action”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1176)

S. 1941, to direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to standardize the use of core-based statistical area designations across Federal programs, to allow between 120 and 180 days for public comment on any proposed change to such designations, and to report on the scientific basis and estimated impact to Federal programs for any proposed change to such designations. Signed on December 5, 2022. (Public Law 117–219)

S. 2159, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 400 College Drive, Middleburg, Florida, as the “Andrew K. Baker Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”. Signed on December 5, 2022. (Public Law 117–220)

S. 3510, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance with respect to natural disaster resilience. Signed on December 5, 2022. (Public Law 117–221)

S. 3655, to amend the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 to extend the termination date of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board. Signed on December 5, 2022. (Public Law 117–222)

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### **Senate**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, Christopher Koos, of Illinois, Samuel E. Lathem, of Delaware, and Robin Lee Wiessmann, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Sue Ellen Moore, of Washington, and Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, Rubydee Calvert, of Wyoming, and Diane Susan Kaplan, of Alaska, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. 3386, to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally, S. 4824, to provide for proper oversight of North Korea policy, S. 4064, to facilitate the development of a whole-of-government strategy for nuclear cooperation and nuclear exports, S. 4509, to provide for security in the Black Sea region, S. 4996, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 to modify the establishment of a coordinator for detained ISIS members and relevant displaced populations in Syria, S. 4955, to amend certain authorities relating to human rights violations and abuses in Ukraine, S. Con. Res. 47, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime's human rights abuses, S. Con. Res. 16, commemorating the 30th anniversary of Operation Provide Comfort, S. Res. 713, recognizing Russian actions in Ukraine as a genocide, S. Res. 472, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Dominican Republic and advancing opportunities to deepen diplomatic, economic, and security cooperation between the two nations, S. Res. 730, remembering the 30th anniversary of the bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992, the 28th anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association building in Buenos Aires on July 18, 1994, and committing to efforts to uphold justice for the victims of the attacks, S. Res. 322, reaffirming the alliance between the